

Amendment No. 1 to SB0794

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 794

House Bill No. 722*

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by deleting from the amendatory language of Section 1 subdivision (a)(4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Have a high school diploma; and

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(A) Effective September 1, 2006, each person occupying the office of county mayor shall have a baccalaureate degree. Any person serving in the office of county mayor on August 1, 2006, who does not have a baccalaureate degree may seek reelection to such office and serve as county mayor as long as such person is continuously reelected. If a vacancy occurs in the office of county mayor who does not have a baccalaureate degree, such vacancy shall be filled by a person having a baccalaureate degree, and the qualifications set out in the first sentence of this subdivision shall thereafter apply to such office. Provided, however, such person may substitute any of the following types of experience to substitute for the requirement of a baccalaureate degree or provide a combination of experience and education to satisfy this requirement:

(i) At least four (4) years of experience in a managerial or administrative capacity;

(ii) At least four (4) years of experience as an elected constitutional officer;

(iii) At least four (4) years of experience as the chief deputy of an elected constitutional officer;

(iv) At least four (4) years of experience as a state legislator; or

(v) At least four (4) years of experience as a county commissioner if such commissioner has completed the county officials certificate training program and is designated as a certified public administrator.

(B) For the office of county mayor, each candidate shall file an affidavit and such other evidence as the state coordinator of elections may require with the state coordinator of elections not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the qualifying deadline for candidates in the election. The state coordinator of elections shall certify to the county election commission that a candidate's qualifications are acceptable prior to the candidate's name being placed on the ballot, and such certificate of qualification must be filed with a candidate's qualifying petition prior to the qualifying deadline. Subject to approval by the secretary of state, the state coordinator of elections may promulgate rules to be followed by persons wishing to submit themselves for certification as qualified to seek the office of county mayor.